

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

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The drawings are objected to because FIGs. 9-12 “lack reference characters to which the steps put forth in the figures can be identified.”

The disclosure is objected to because of the informalities.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Morgan et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,220,674).

Claims 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Morgan et al.* as applied to claim 5.

Claim 14 has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended the drawings and specification in accordance with the Examiner's comments set forth at Sections 1-3 of the Office Action. Also, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 by substantially incorporating the feature of claim 14, which has been indicated as containing allowable subject matter, into claim 1. Moreover, a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets is filed concurrently herewith to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. Accordingly, claims 1-13 and 15 remain pending in this application for further consideration.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) because they include reference numerals not mentioned in the description. Specifically, reference numerals “730” in Fig. 7B and “321” and “322” in FIG. 13 are not found in the specification, and also there is no description of FIG. 14 in the specification. Further, the drawings are objected to because FIGs. 9-12 “lack reference characters to which the steps put forth in the figures can be identified.” Applicants have presented a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets including all of the FIGs. 1-17 to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. In these Replacement Drawing Sheets, FIGs. 9-12 have been amended to add reference characters to which the steps set forth in the figures can be identified in accordance with the Examiner’s comments set forth at Section 2 of the Office Action. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to reflect the amendments to the drawings by, for example, adding reference numerals “730” of Fig. 7B and “321” and “322” of FIG. 13 in the description in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), as noted at Section 1 of the Office Action dated July 15, 2005.

Objection to Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the informalities. Specifically, on page 17, line 4, “12” should be read “13.” Also, the Office Action notes that the disclosure lacks a detailed description of FIGs. 9-12 and requests appropriate correction. Applicants have amended the specification in accordance with the Examiner’s comments set forth in Sections 1- 3 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that newly-amended specification

fully complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), and withdraw of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by *Morgan et al.*, and claims 6 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over *Morgan et al.* as applied to claim 5. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of independent claim 1 becomes moot by substantially incorporating the features of objected-to claim 14 into claim 1 because the Office Action indicates that objected-to claim 14 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, as presently-amended, is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is thus respectfully requested. Claims 2-13 and 15 are also in condition for allowance at least because of their dependencies from independent claim 1 as well as the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter.

With no other rejection pending, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-13 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

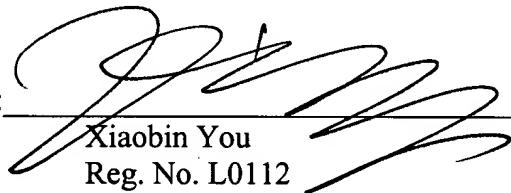
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner believe that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached is a Submission of Replacement Drawing Sheets including all of the FIGs. 1-17 in this application, to replace the previously-filed drawing sheets. In these Replacement Drawing Sheets, FIGs. 9-12 have been amended to add reference characters to which the steps set forth in the figures can be identified in accordance with the Examiner's comments set forth at Section 2 of the Office Action. In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to add reference numerals "730" of Fig. 7B and "321" and "322" of FIG. 13 in the description in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), as noted at Section 1 of the Office Action dated July 15, 2005.